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Applicant: Danishefsky *et al.* Examiner: Solola, Taofiq
Serial No.: 09/874,514 Art Unit: 1626
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Title: *Synthesis of Epothilones, Intermediates Thereto, Analogues and Uses Thereof*

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Sir:

OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Applicant submits this Response to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2003, in the above-referenced case. The shortened (3 month) statutory period for reply to the Office Action expired on July 8, 2003. Therefore, a Petition for Extension of Time is included herewith, extending the time for response for three (3) months, to October 8, 2003.

The Office Action rejected all claims (claims 144-160) for obviousness over Bollag *et al.*, and provisionally rejected all claims for double patenting. Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendments, and consideration of the following Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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